

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached are replacement drawing sheets for Figs. 1-14. The replacement sheets have margins that comply with 37 CFR 1.84(g) and also have lines, numbers, and letters that are uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable and black, such that the line quality complies with 37 CFR 1.84(l). Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that the attached drawing sheets be substituted for the originally filed drawing sheets for Figs. 1-14.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets 1-14

IV. REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These Remarks are in response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed November 23, 2004.

Applicants would like to thank Primary Patent Examiner Patrice Winder and Examiner Liang Che Alex Wang for taking the time to participate in a telephonic interview with Applicants' representative on October 25, 2004. Following the interview, the Notice of Allowance was issued based on the agreed amendments to claims 27-34.

Since the interview, it has come to our attention that an additional Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) should be filed in this case. We do not believe the art cited in the IDS affects the patentability of the claims. This Reply is therefore being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, together with the appropriate fee. We request that this Reply be considered and that our enclosed IDS and the references contained therein be accepted. No fee is due for the addition of any new claims.

Claims 1-26 were canceled. Claims 27-34 were pending in the Application prior to the issuance of the Notice of Allowance. The present reply requests continued examination of amended claims 27-34, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 27-34. Reconsideration of the claims and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

V. CONCLUSION

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all remaining claims should be allowable, and re-examination and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of the patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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